

Special Session

Agenda Item #	5
Meeting Date	March 4, 2005
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Discussion Item	Offering Condolences To Councilmember Bruce R. Williams and his family on the passing of Mr. Robert Dawson Williams
Background	Mr. Robert Dawson Williams, a pillar of his community and father of long-time Takoma Park Councilmember Bruce R. Williams (Ward 3), passed away in his home on Sunday, February 27, 2005.
Policy	N/A
Fiscal Impact	N/A
Attachments	Council Resolution offering condolences to the Williams family
Recommendation	Adopt the Resolution.
Special Consideration	N/A

Introduced by:

Resolution #2005- ____

**OFFERING CONDOLENCES TO COUNCILMEMBER BRUCE WILLIAMS
AND HIS FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF HIS FATHER, ROBERT DAWSON WILLIAMS**

- WHEREAS,** Mr. Robert Dawson Williams was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1919 and passed away in Silver Spring, Maryland on February 27, 2005 at 85 years of age; **AND,**
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Williams supported himself by working during the day to attend Columbia University and New York University; **AND,**
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Williams earned his CPA and worked in New York City, Newark, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C. for one of the large international accounting firms managing audits; then became Comptroller of Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring until he retired in 1985; **AND,**
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Williams also taught accounting at Catholic University and was always active and interested in music, and sang in choirs for over 60 years; he was an Elder at the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, and through the church, was very interested in housing issues; **AND,**
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Williams was a founding board member and treasurer of the Bethesda Interfaith Housing Coalition, and a volunteer at a homeless men's lunch program in Bethesda; he and his wife volunteered to go to Korea for a year, where he arranged for and oversaw the installation of a central computer system at a hospital there; and, they also spent time in Kenya, and were instrumental in setting up a scholarship program for nursing students there; **AND,**
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Williams was president of their coop at Leisure World in Silver Spring for many years; he and his wife also loved to travel to places like Korea, China, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Turkey, and many European countries, many times traveling with the Elder Hostel program so that they could learn about the countries they visited.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT on behalf of the citizens and staff of Takoma Park, we extend our sincere condolences to Councilmember Bruce Williams and the family of Robert Dawson Williams.

**IN MEMORIAM
April 23, 1919 – February 27, 2005**

ADOPTED THIS DAY _____th OF _____ 2005.

Kathryn H. Porter
Mayor

ATTEST:

Catherine E. Waters, CMC/AAE
City Clerk